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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 7, 2000

STEPHEN M. TURNER, et al.

v.

CASE NO. PUE990002

AUBON WATER COMPANY

NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER

On December 17, 1999, the Commission issued its Final Order in this Case. Subsequently, the Commission has been made administratively aware that the adoption in the Final Order of the recommended three-tiered single-tariff rate design, effective March 9, 1999, found at page 11 of the Final Order, is in conflict with Ordering Paragraph (11), appearing at page 14 of the Final Order, which authorizes Aubon Water Company to apply said three-tiered single-tariff rates effective on the first day of the month immediately following the effective date of the Final Order.

The Commission now finds that the above-described conflict between the adoption of the recommended three-tiered single-tariff rates and the effective date for billing should be resolved by deleting Ordering Paragraphs (11) through (19), inclusive of the Final Order and insertion in their place, NUNC

PRO TUNC, effective December 17, 1999, of the following Ordering

Paragraphs (11) through (25), inclusive:

(11) The Company is hereby authorized to apply the following three-tiered single-tariff rates, which shall be made effective March 9, 1999:

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
First 3,000 gallons	\$13.00
3,001-8,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 6.50
Over 8,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 9.00

(12) On or before June 30, 2000, the Company shall refund, with interest as directed below, all revenues collected from the application of the interim rates that were effective for service beginning on March 9, 1999, to the extent that such revenues collected from each customer exceed the revenues produced by the rates approved herein;

(13) Interest upon the ordered refunds shall be computed from the date payment of each monthly bill was due during the interim period until the date refunds are made, at an average prime rate for each calendar quarter. The applicable average prime rate for each calendar quarter shall be the arithmetic mean, to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent, of the prime rate values published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin, or in the Federal Reserve's Selected Interest Rates ("Selected Interest Rates") (Statistical Release G. 13), for the three months of the preceding calendar quarter.

(14) The interest required to be paid shall be compounded quarterly.

(15) The refunds ordered in Paragraph 12 above, may be accomplished by credit to the appropriate customer's account for current customers. Refunds to former customers

shall be made by a check to the last known address of such customers when the refund amount is \$1 or more. The company may offset the credit or refund to the extent no dispute exists regarding the outstanding balances of its current customers, or customers who are no longer on its system. To the extent that outstanding balances of such customers are disputed, no offset shall be permitted for the disputed portion. The Company may retain refunds owed to former customers when such refund amount is less than \$1; however, the Company will prepare and maintain a list detailing each of the former accounts for which refunds are less than \$1, and in the event such former customers contact the Company and request refunds, such refunds shall be made promptly. All unclaimed refunds shall be handled in accordance with § 55-210.6:2 of the Code of Virginia.

(16) On or before August 1, 2000, the Company shall file with the Staff a document showing that all refunds have been lawfully made pursuant to this Order and itemizing the cost of the refund and accounts charged. Such itemization of costs shall include inter alia, computer costs, and the personnel-hours, associated salaries and cost for verifying and correcting the refund methodology and developing the computer program.

(17) The Company shall bear all costs of the refunding directed in this Order.

(18) The Company shall collect the two \$4,000 no-interest loans within five months of the effective date of this Order.

(19) The Company shall transfer a prepaid water main extension from its prepaid account to CIAC.

(20) The Company shall be required to maintain its books in accordance with the

Uniform System of Accounts for Class "C"
Water Utilities;

(21) The Company shall depreciate plant and amortize contributions at a three-percent composite rate in accordance with the Commission's decision in Case No. PUE870037;

(22) The Company's request for an increase in its service connection charge is hereby denied.

(23) The Company shall change the rates in its tariff from monthly to bimonthly to coincide with its bimonthly billing cycle; and

(24) The Company shall clearly state in its tariff the methodology used to calculate the rates for multi-unit connections.

(25) This matter is continued generally.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that Ordering Paragraphs numbered (11) through (19) of the Final Order issued in this Case are hereby replaced, NUNC PRO TUNC, effective December 17, 1999, by Ordering Paragraphs numbered (11) through (25), as set out above.